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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated December 11, 2003.

CLAIMS – 35 USC § 112

Claim 5 has been amended to provide a broad definition of the feature described at lines 17 to 26 of page 5. This section of the specification clearly describes how the feed roller engages with a sheet of media in the cartridge and feeds it to the printhead. We therefore submit that the description and the drawings would enable the skilled worker in this field to make and use the feature defined by Claim 5.

CLAIMS – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-6 and 8 stand rejected as obvious in light of the disclosure in US 6,229,565 to Bobry. The Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that the combination of features defined by Claim 1 would not be readily apparent to an ordinary worker aware of the Bobry reference.

Bobry is directed to a digital camera that simply allows images to be printed to non-photosensitive media without the use of a transfer medium such as a desktop computer/printer arrangement. To this end, Bobry provides a very schematic depiction of a self-contained digital camera/printer combination. All the embodiments shown in the Figures show a camera and printer contained within a single. The description makes a fleeting reference to the possibility of a detachable printer, but Bobry clearly states that a single housing for both the camera and printer is preferable (see col. 4 line 35).

In contrast, it is fundamental to the present invention that the printer is detachable and PCMCIA-sized, and the camera provides a sleeve to accommodate the PCMCIA dimensions of the printer carrier. The sleeve configuration of the camera housing gives the printer camera assembly a secure and robust connection during normal handling while still permitting quick removal and insertion of the printer. Furthermore, the benefits and advantages of a compact portable printer that directly engages the PCMCIA slot of a desktop/laptop/notebook are numerous. The user can print the images instantly or quickly transfer the images to the memory of another computer.

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Bobry fails to even allude to this level of functionality. In fact Bobry teaches away from a printer that is detachable from the main housing. Accordingly, we respectfully submit that the specific combination of features defined by Claim 1 would not have been an obvious adaptation of the arrangement disclosed in Bobry.

Likewise, Claims 7 and 9 are non-obvious by virtue of their appendance to Claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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